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SUBJECT: CONTACTS BETWEEN VIET-NAM AND SINGAPORE

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1. WHEN SINGAPORE EMBOFF INFORMED US FEB 17 ABOUT TWO VIET-NAMESE TRADE DELEGATIONS THE FIRST OF WHICH (INTERESTED IN POWER PLANTS) IS NOW VISITING SINGAPORE, WE NOTED PRESS DENIALS THAT SINGAPORE AND THE SRV WERE IN CONTACT IN KUALA LUMPUR AND ASKED WHERE THE POINT OF CONTACT MIGHT BE. SINGAPOREAN COMMENTED THAT REPORTS OF MEETINGS IN KUALA LUMPUR SEEM IN FACT TO REFER TO ACTUAL MEETINGS IN KUALA LUMPUR CONNECTED WITH THE HIJACKING CASE. HE WAS UNAWARE OF ANY SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS THERE. AS HAS LONG BEEN KNOWN, HE ADDED, VIETNAMESE "UNOFFICIAL" TRADE REP IN SINGAPORE, LE VAN MAU, TAKES CARE OF MAINLY COMMERCIAL CONTACTS AND ARRANGED THE VISITS BY THE TWO TRADE DELEGATIONS. AS FOR CONTACTS IN BANGKOK, SINGAPOREAN SAID THAT BANGKOK WAS NOT RPT NOT A CONTACT POINT.

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2. COMMENT: COMMENT BY SINGAPORE EMBOFF DOES NOT NECESSARILY RULE OUT THAT DEPUTY PM/DEFMIN GOH KENG SWEE DID CONTACT VIETNAMESE IN BANGKOK, SINCE SINGAPOREAN DIPLOMAT IN CONVERSATION WITH US MAY HAVE BEEN REFERRING ONLY TO CONTACTS ABOUT TRADE DELEGATION VISITS. NEVERTHELESS, BECAUSE OF HIS CUSTOMARY STRAIGHT FORWARDNESS WITH US, WE ARE INCLINED TO DOUBT THE REPORT IN REFTEL. WE WILL CONTINUE TO LOOK FOR

CLUES, HOWEVER.
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